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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of the NSC (Item 1) on 4 March 1953

1. DCI participated in a general discussion of the illness of Stalin but made no formal presentation of material which had been prepared for the meeting. As a result of this discussion, CIA was directed to: prepare an estimate noting the effects of Stalin's death on the Soviet Union and Satellites with emphasis on China and Yugoslavia.

2. DCI gave a brief roundup of the current situation in Iran.

3. DCI received from the President direction concerning the Briefing of Congressional Committees by the DCI. (General Vandenburg, attending in General Bradley's absence, concurred fully in views expressed by DCI).

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